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TIMES JOURNAL OF APRIL 13 CARRIES FOLLOWING ON GOP POSITION
IN BASE NEGOTIATIONS: QUOTE FM BARES POSITION ON BASES -
PRESIDENT MARCOS OUTLINED YESTERDAY THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF
THE PHILIPPINE POSITION IN THE CURRENT BASES TALKS TO GUIDE
FILIPINO NEGOTIATORS IN WASHINGTON.

THE PRESIDENT WAS INTERVIEWED AFTER A CLOSED-DOOR CONFERENCE
WITH MILITARY AND DEFENSE OFFICIALS AT CAMP AGUINALDO,
REITERATING THAT THE MAIN PRINCIPLE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IS
THE FULL ASSERTION OF NATIONAL SOVERIEGNTY.

THE PRESIDENT BARED THESE OTHER ASPECTS:

- THE SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE BASES MUST BE RECOGNIZED AS
RESIDING IN THE PHILIPPINES AND NOT TRANSFERABLE.

- ALL VESTIGES OF EXTRATERRITORIALITY LIKE THE EXERCISE
OF JURISDICTION OVER MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO ARE NOT PERFOR-
MING MILITARY DUTIES SHALL BE REMOVED.

- A FILIPINO ADMINISTRATOR SHALL RUN THE BASES.

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- THE PHILIPPINE FLAG WILL FLY OVER THE BASES.

- THE PRESIDENT SAID THE PHILIPPINES MAY ALSO ASK THAT
THE GOVERNMENT BE ALLOWED TO DEVELOP PARTS OF THE BASES AS
INDUSTRIAL CENTERS. UNQUOTE.
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